

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Granby Junior-Senior High School on East State Street in said Town on Monday, the eleventh day of May next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 11, 2015 consider articles two through twelve and on June 15, 2015 consider articles thirteen through thirty-four, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will hear the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2016:

A. To sell, after first giving notice of time and place of sale by posting such notices of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town 14 days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title land of low value procedure, provided the Select Board or whomever they authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid they deem inadequate.

B. To apply for and accept Federal or State grants or monies as may be made available and to allow the Select Board to expend any funds received as set forth in the appropriate application.

C. To enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing year.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2016 as follows:

A. The Cemetery Commissioners to dig graves and maintain the equipment and grounds in the cemeteries at a wage rate that is no less than the minimum wage.

B. The members of the Board of Assessors to be compensated \$15 per parcel for necessary fieldwork and data collection for services rendered in connection with the revaluation and re-certification process involving one-sixth of the improved parcels in town.

C. The members of the Board of Health, or their consultants, to receive compensation at a wage rate of \$35 per inspection or specific required activity.

D. The members of the Planning Board, or their appointees, to receive compensation at a wage rate of \$65 per inspection.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to charge a fee of \$65 for each site inspection deemed necessary by a quorum of the Commission. Fees shall be payable to the Town of Granby Conservation Commission and deposited in the Conservation Hatch Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2014 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Darlene & Guy George	\$ 565.
Mary J. Marcel	\$ 565.
Thomas R. & Maureen Couture	\$ 565.
Daniel & Cynthia Strain	\$ 10.
Elizabeth & Daniel Blaney	\$ 565.
Sam & Lisa Lariviere	\$ 565.
Florence & Leroy Fredette	\$ 35.
Colleen T. Hennessey	\$ 50.
Francis J. & Betty Jane Quinlan	\$2,335.
Hannelore S. Parks	\$2,335.
Daniel & Deborah Talbot	\$ 565.

,or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E½ and to authorize expenditures from these funds for fiscal year 2016 without further appropriation:

A. An Inspections Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Inspector of Buildings to pay for the wages, expenses, and contracted services required for the operation of the preventive inspections department. The Inspections Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenue received from building, electrical, and gas fees, licenses and permits in fiscal year 2016 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 Inspections Revolving Fund. The Inspector of Buildings may spend \$64,755 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.

B. A Parks Oversight Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee to pay for the wages, expenses, contracted services and capital improvement required for the operation of the Town parks. The Parks Oversight Revolving Fund is to be credited with all reservation and security deposit fees and contributions received in fiscal year 2016 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 Parks Oversight Revolving Fund. The Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$40,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.

C. A Charter Day Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Charter Day Committee to pay for the wages, expenses and contracted services required to celebrate Charter Day. The Charter Day Revolving Fund is to be credited with revenue and contributions received in fiscal year 2016 from Charter Day activities and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 Charter Day Revolving Fund. The Charter Day Committee may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.

- D. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Planning Board to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services of the Planning Board. The Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund is to be credited with all application fees and charges received in fiscal year 2016 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund. The Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.**
- E. An After School Activities Program Revolving Fund that may be spent only upon authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to pay for maintenance, supply and operation, including wages of personnel of the After School Activities Program. The After School Activities Program Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenues generated by the After School Activities Program in fiscal year 2016 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 After School Activities Program Revolving Fund. The Superintendent of Schools may spend \$20,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.**
- F. A Dog Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Police Department to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services of the Canine Control Bylaw. The Dog Revolving Fund is to be credited with all dog licensing fees and any other charges received in fiscal year 2016 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 Dog Revolving Fund. The Police Department may spend \$11,878 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.**
- G. A Library Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Library Commissioners to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services for the repair and maintenance of the Library and to provide library services. The Library Revolving Fund is to be credited with all building user fees and any other charges received in fiscal year 2016 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2015 Library Revolving Fund. The Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2016.**

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the remaining balance in the Recreation Revolving Fund as of June 30, 2015 to the Parks Oversight Revolving Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2016, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 71 Section 37M for consolidation of administrative functions of the school committee with those of the town, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaw of the Town of Granby, Volume II, Chapter XIX Personnel Bylaw, APPENDIX C Classification Plan Grade Assignments by inserting Skilled Maintenance Worker Grade 3, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Copies of Chapter XIX, Appendix C are available at the Selectmen's Office.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of The Town of Granby, Volume II, Chapter XIX Personnel Bylaw, APPENDIX D Compensation Plan Pay Schedules, and substituting a new APPENDIX D, showing the twelve pay grades and ten steps to be effective July 1, 2015, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Copies of Chapter XIX, Appendix D are available at the Select Board's Office.)

- ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$421,690, or a greater or lesser amount, authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,770, or a greater or lesser amount, for Forest Fire Warden Expense, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts subscriber fees in the amount of \$936.50, or a greater or lesser amount, for Cable TV Advisory Committee expenses, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$40,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of renovating the Jr.-Sr. High School bathrooms, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$10,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding any and all costs associated with the foreclosure or collection of taxes owed on property placed in tax title in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 60, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$36,500, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a marked cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$49,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS), related equipment, foam and training for the Fire Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$15,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing road signs for the Highway Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$42,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a pickup truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$30,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle for the Council On Aging Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$30,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing pagers and portable radios for the Police and Fire Departments, or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$261,294, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance and related equipment for the Ambulance Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$300,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$300,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$300,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$287,299, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2016 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$376,937, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$253,564, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$432,695, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year and to carry out any vote passed under this article.
- ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$252,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2016 appropriations, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the Town of Granby.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places as of the bylaws before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Mark L. Bail

Mary A. McDowell

Louis M. Barry
Select Board

I have posted this warrant as of the bylaws of the Town of Granby.

Date

Constable

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANBY
TOWN WARRANT**

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the East Meadow School on East State Street in said Town on **MONDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2015**, from **12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**, then and there to cast their votes for the following offices.

FOR THREE YEARS: A Select Board Member, an Assessor, a Board of Health Member, a Moderator, a Town Collector, a Treasurer, **Two** School Committee Members, a Commissioner of Burial Grounds, and **Three** Public Library Trustees.

FOR FIVE YEARS: A Housing Authority Member and a Planning Board Member

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Mark L. Bail

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Louis M. Barry
Granby Select Board

I hereby certify that I have posted the above warrant in five or more public places in the Town of Granby.

Date: _____ Constable: _____